

BAC Resolution Regarding Mobility Talks

WHEREAS Mayor Adler has declared 2016 the Year of Mobility;

WHEREAS bicycling, walking and public transit, as affordable means of transportation, create ladders of opportunity;

WHEREAS building out world-class bicycle, transit and pedestrian infrastructure will help Austin compete for the USDOT Smart Cities Challenge;

WHEREAS City Council has initiated the Mobility Talks public input process to garner ideas from this and other Boards and Commissions for easing congestion and improving mobility, including through a 2016 mobility bond;

WHEREAS investment in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit, is a way to reduce congestion;

WHEREAS our city's mobility is improved by moving people and not just cars;

WHEREAS funding the Bicycle Master Plan could increase mobility by 170,000 trips in the City of Austin every day;

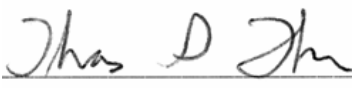
WHEREAS constructing sidewalks to schools and transit stops could help Austin achieve its Vision Zero street safety goals to eliminate traffic-related deaths and address historic inequities;

WHEREAS funding a high-capacity transit network that prioritizes high-density corridors and high-diversity populations could make public transportation a viable, convenient and affordable transportation choice for Austinites;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the City Council pursue a 2016 mobility bond that achieves the following:

1. Fully fund the Bicycle Master Plan, including "Tier 1" Urban Trails;
2. Fully fund all "Very High" and "High" priority sidewalks in the forthcoming 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan;
3. Fund strategic components of Corridor Plans, including dedicated, high-capacity transit lanes, protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety improvements.

ADOPTED: April 19th, 2016

ATTEST: 

Tom Thayer
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